

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/2/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5 and 7-12.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other *Amendments to Claims
Attachment A (4 Pages)*

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with G. Gregory Schivley on October 23, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

The claims have been amended as shown on the attached Attachment A (4 pages).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas A. Hess whose telephone number is 571-272-6915. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thurs 5:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on 571-272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.



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ATTACHMENT A PAGES (1-4 OF 4)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**Claims**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the ~~rolls (34) and the rolls (40)~~ of the first and second belt transport section ~~(33, 39)~~ are arranged so close beside one another that a valuable document can be transported from one belt transport section ~~(33, 39)~~ into the respective other belt transport section ~~(33, 39)~~.
3. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 7, wherein, by means of controlling the direction of rotation of the rolls ~~(28, 30, 36, 34, 40, 42)~~ of the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~, one or more stacks of valuable documents can be formed between the belts ~~(26, 32, 38)~~ of the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ and can be moved along the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The transport device ~~(10)~~ as claimed in claim 7, wherein the a roll ~~(16)~~ of the first belt transport unit ~~(15)~~ and the a roll ~~(34)~~ of the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ are arranged on a common axle ~~(44)~~.

6. (Canceled)

(Currently Amended) ~~_____ The transport device (10) as claimed in claim 7, wherein the a roll (16) of the first belt transport unit (15) and the a roll (34) of the second belt transport unit (5) are arranged on a common axle (44).~~

7. (Currently Amended) 'A transport device (10)—for transporting valuable documents, in particular bank notes and check forms, having pairs of belts comprising at least two endless belts and rotatable rolls to guide and to drive the belts, a transport path for the transport of one or more —valuable documents being formed between the belts, and the transport direction of the —valuable documents being determined by the direction of rotation of the rolls, said transport device comprising:

a. a first belt transport unit (15)—comprising at least one first belt (12) and at least one second belt (14), the first belt (12) being guided by a first set of rolls (16, 18) and the second belt (14) being guided by a second set of rolls (20, 22), and a transport path for valuable documents being formed between the belts (12, 14);

b. a second belt transport unit (5)—comprising at least one ~~first~~ third belt (26)—which is guided by a third set of rolls (28, 30), and at least two ~~second~~ fourth belts (32, 38), which are guided by a fourth set of rolls (36, 34) and a fifth set of rolls (40, 42), the belt (32) ~~one of the second fourth belts~~ forming with the first-third belt (26) a first belt

transport section (33), and the other second fourth belt (38) forming with the first third belt (26) a second belt transport section (39), and a transport path for valuable documents being formed between the belts of the first and second belt transport section (33, 39);

c. the second belt transport unit (5) being arranged transversely with respect to the first belt transport unit (15); and

d. wherein a valuable document which is transported along the transport path of the first belt transport unit (15) in the direction of the second belt transport unit and striking the third belt (26) with its leading edge being transferred into the first belt transport section (33) or the second belt transport section (39), depending on the direction of rotation of the rolls (28, 30, 36, 34, 40, 42), and

wherein an adjustable guide element (72) is provided, which can be adjusted from a neutral position, in which it has no influence on the valuable document transport, into a deflection position, in which it projects into the path of a valuable document transported in one of the belt transfer sections (33, 39) of the second belt transport unit (5) in the direction of the an inner end of the latter and deflects said valuable document by the leading edge into the first belt transport unit (15).

8. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first and second belt transport units are arranged in an appliance (58) for paying bank notes in and/or out.

9. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the appliance ~~(58)~~ for paying in and/or out has a safe (64), the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ is arranged outside the safe (64), and the first belt transport unit ~~(45)~~ is led through an opening (70) in the a wall of the safe (64).
10. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the an outer end of the ~~first wall of the second belt transport~~ section ~~(33, 39)~~ of the second belt transport unit is formed as an input point ~~(62)~~ and/or output point for bank notes.
11. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 2, wherein, by means of controlling the direction of rotation of the rolls of the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ one or more stacks of valuable documents can be formed between the belts of the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ and can be moved along the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~.
12. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the an outer end of the ~~first wall of the second belt transport~~ section ~~(33, 39)~~ of the second belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ is formed as an input point ~~(62)~~ and/or output point for bank notes.